

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently amended)** An anti-inflammatory analgesic for external use comprising etodolac and ~~a local anesthetic~~lidocaine.
  2. **(Cancelled)**
  3. **(Currently amended)** The anti-inflammatory analgesic for external use according to Claim 1, wherein a molar ratio of the ~~local anesthetic~~lidocaine to the etodolac is from 0.1 to 1.8.
- 4-6. **(Cancelled)**
7. **(New)** The anti-inflammatory analgesic for external use according to Claim 1, wherein a molar ratio of the lidocaine to the etodolac is from 0.2 to 1.3.
  8. **(New)** A plaster preparation comprising the anti-inflammatory analgesic according to Claim 1.